Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—The answer is not given to the second part of (f).

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It was not brought to the notice of the Diwan.

President.—Was there any instance?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.— There was an instance. It was not brought to the notice of the Diwan because it was not thought necessary.

Selection of papers for advertisement.

427. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the names of newspapers in Cochin and outside to which Government advertisements were given in 1103 and 1104 and what is the policy regulating the selection of papers for advertisement?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—A list is appended (*vide Appendix VII*). There is no definite policy regulating the selection of papers. It all depends on such considerations as circulation, subjects for advertisements, etc.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The names of 6 papers are given. Am I to understand that these 6 papers have got more circulation than the rest?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It does not necessarily follow. All these considerations apply. You cannot definitely say that these papers have got the largest circulation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What are the special reasons?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—They are given there. These papers satisfy these conditions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Do they advertise special subjects? What are the special features of these papers?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It all depends upon the nature of the advertisement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Are advertisements sent to any particular papers?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It would be difficult to advertise in particular papers. Without instances I am not in a position to say anything.

Departments and offices personally inspected by the Diwan.

428. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of Departments and offices personally inspected by the Diwan in 1103 and 1104?

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No Departments and offices were personally inspected by the Diwan in 1103 and 1104 up-to-date.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Is there any office inspected in 1101 and 1102?

President.—There was no inspection by the Diwan after I assumed charge There were a few visits with a view to know what the work is. There was no regular inspection.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was there any inspection during the time of any previous Diwans?

President.—Yes. During the time of one Diwan, Mr. Banerji, in connection with the Forest and Tramway, some inspection was made. But I do not think that any subsequent Diwan conducted any inspection.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will not the inspection by the Diwan improve the efficiency of the Department?

President.—That is a matter of opinion.

Defalcations of Sirkar money.

429. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state (excluding the cases under adjudication by a court of law):—

(1) the number of defalcations of Government money that have taken place in the last eight years ;

(2) the amount involved in each case ;

(3) the names of those who are responsible or involved in such defalcations ;

(4) what action has been taken against each of them ;

(5) what amount has been realised from each of them ;

(6) whether the reports and the orders passed in each case will be placed on the Table ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(1) to (5). The information available is contained in the answer to question No. 95 of the 1104 Vrischigam meeting of the Council.

(6) These cannot be published.

Recommendations of the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee.

430. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(1) what items of work recommended by the Town Improvement Committee of Kunnamkulam have yet to be completed ;

(2) on what dates these items of work were recommended by the above Committee ;

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